



VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Small Community. Big Possibilities.

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New Businesses Open

The following businesses are now open:

Los Lunas Express Shipping, LLC – 205-A Hwy 314 SW, contact Jim Cooper, 865-7323; and

New Age Tattoo and Piercing – 3419 Hwy 47 Suite D, contact Ted Berndt, 818-4172.

Economic Development Manager Ralph L. Mims assists those interested in doing business in the village. He is available at 505 839-5654 (direct line), 505 604-4156 (cell), or e-mail at mimsr@loslunasnm.gov.

Lovelace Clinic Opens

Lovelace Health Plan and Atrine Health, a state-wide medical practice, have opened a new clinic at 3428 State Highway 47 in Los Lunas.

The clinic is for Lovelace members only, and will be operated by Atrine Health as a patient-centered medical home where patients will be treated by teams of health care providers.

The clinic will offer same-day service and focus heavily on preventive care.

Atrine Health operates clinics for Lovelace members in Rio Rancho and Albuquerque.

Economic Development Department Ranks 8th

The Village's Economic Development Department ranked Number Eight in a recently published list of Economic Development Departments from across the state.

The list was published in *Albuquerque Business First*, formerly *New Mexico Business Weekly*.

Among the agencies ranking above Los Lunas were the New Mexico Economic Development Department, Technology Ventures Corp. and WESST, both based in Albuquerque, and the Albuquerque Economic Development Board.

Economic Development Manager Ralph Mims said that Los Lunas's ranking is a perfect example of the village's new slogan, "Small Community. Big Possibilities."

Mims pointed out that the village is targeting housing, health, and tourism as well as other categories in its economic development efforts.

Work Continues Developing Regional Medical Center

The Los Lunas Village Council has voted unanimously to continue offering support to Darin Miller of Miller Development + Architecture on the project to build the Valencia Regional Medical Center (VRMC) west of I-25 in Los Lunas.

VRMC would be 110,000 square feet with 85,000 square feet for a hospital and 25,000 square feet of clinic space. The facility would include 30 to 40 inpatient beds, an obstetrics unit, MRI and CT scan services, and an outpatient surgical unit.

The primary factor in making this project a reality for Valencia County and its residents is the commitment of approximately \$14 million dollars in hospital mill levy funds by the Valencia County Commission.

If the commission designates the mill levy funds this month for the VRMC then Miller projects a ground breaking date in December 2013, and a hospital opening date of October 2015.

The mill levy funds for a medical facility are under the control of the Valencia County Commission. The county commissioner representing most of Los Lunas is Mary Andersen. Other commissioners are Alicia Aguilar, Charles Eaton, Donald Holliday, and Lawrence Romero.

Miller is scheduled to make a presentation to the Valencia County Commission about the medical center at four p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, in the commission room at the County Administration Building on Luna Avenue.

Valencia County Commission meetings are open to the public. Letters of support for the hospital in Los Lunas can also be sent to the commission.

Lovelace Health System has agreed to manage the \$55 million medical center. It is projected VRMC would create 500 local construction jobs and 450 full-time medical jobs. The hospital budget is estimated at \$40 million a year, including \$14 million for salaries and benefits.

New Logo and Banner

As part of the Village branding, this edition of the newsletter has a new banner that incorporates the new village logo. Watch for the logo in four color other places. Take note of the village's new slogan also.

Village Open Space Division 2013 Fishing Derby March 9

The Village of Los Lunas Open Space Division, in partnership with The Ditch Bank Bandits, will hold a Fishing Derby Saturday, March 9, from eight a.m. to two p.m. at the River Park located at 1660 Main St SE.

Anyone wishing to participate in the Fishing Derby must complete a registration form provided on the day of the event. All ages welcome!

For more information contact Village Park Ranger Pat Jaramillo or Village Park Ranger Andrew Gutierrez at 505 352-7728.

Foster / Adoptive Parents Needed

The Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) of Valencia County is offering opportunities to learn about Foster and Adoptive Parent Programs.

CYFD will have an information/recruitment table outside Los Lunas Walmart west of I-25 on Saturday, March 16, from eight a.m. until four p.m.

On Thursday, March 21, at six p.m., an orientation will be held at the Belen Community Center located at 305 Eagle Lane to explain the Foster and Adoptive Parent Program.

On Thursday, April 4, also beginning at six p.m., an orientation will be held at the CYFD Office located at 475 Courthouse Road in Los Lunas.

Information will be available at all events and CYFD staff will be present to answer questions:

For additional information, contact the Children, Youth and Families Department at: 1 800 432-2075 or visit www.cyfd.org.

January Cleanup Nets 35 Bags of Trash

Three people worked the January cleanup in the village and collected 35 bags of trash. Areas cleaned included Main Street, Heritage Park, and Carson Park from Aspen to Morris.

Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice monthly in the council chambers in the administration building at Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Upcoming 2013 meeting dates are:

February 21 March 7 & 21

April 4 & 18 May 9 & 23 June 6 & 20

July 11 & 25 August 8 & 22 September 12 & 26

October 10 & 24 November 7 & 21 December 5 & 19

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Meetings may be canceled or rescheduled so check at 839-3840 or the village website at www.loslunasnm.gov.

Linda Weaver Clarke presents a Family Legacy Writing Workshop

Saturday, March 12 10 a.m. - noon

Everyone has a story from our ancestors or even our own story to tell. If these stories are unwritten, then how are your children going to know their heritage? Turn family history into a interesting stories.

Fiber to Finish of Valencia County “Colors of Enchantment”

Through April 28, 2013

Museum of Heritage and Arts

Corner of Main Street and Luna Avenue 352-7720

Open Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Trim Unruly Branches Now

It's time to trim unruly branches that make it difficult to traverse the sidewalks around your property.

Village ordinances say that tree and shrubbery limbs over sidewalks may be declared a nuisance.

Branches or limbs of any trees or shrubbery must not grow or extend into the space along or above sidewalks or streets so the branches or limbs interfere with the passage of pedestrians, trains, or vehicles.

Live / Work Meeting Scheduled

The Los Lunas Live / Work group meets Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Transportation Center, corner of Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads, from six to 7:30 p.m.

If you have a home based business or are thinking about starting such a business then attending this meeting can give you some great information.

There is no charge and the speakers are very informative.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Robert Vialpando Mayor

Councilors

Charles Griego Richard Lovato

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Municipal Judge Henry Perea

Police Chief Roy E. Melnick

Fire Chief Atiliano “Lito” Chavez

Village Administrator Gregory Martin

A Community that Works — An Economic Development Update

Valencia Regional Medical Center: Good for the Community. Good for the Los Lunas Brand.

By Ralph L. Mims, Economic Development Manager

The continued work on development of the Valencia Regional Medical Center in Los Lunas is great news for our community.

The benefits of having this facility are clear. It would create 500 local construction jobs and 450 full-time medical jobs once completed. The hospital budget is estimated at \$40 million a year, including \$14 million for salaries and benefits. Ancillary services would increase also such as other health care services, retail services, entertainment venues, and miscellaneous other items.

We should applaud our Village Council's unanimous vote to continue to support the efforts by developer Darin Miller of Miller Development + Architecture LLC and health care partner Lovelace Health System to bring this valuable resource to all of us.

At the same time the new hospital means so much for our community brand as well. Building this state of the art medical center conveys to other developers that Los Lunas is progressive and growing. It reinforces the fact that we are "a community that works."

Success stories create very favorable impressions

in the minds of new developers considering our community for their next restaurant, retail store, shopping center, etc. These people are attracted to opportunities for prosperity and the medical center project builds confidence in our brand.

Similarly, adding a medical center as another community amenity piques the interest of individuals looking for a new places to live, whether to raise their family or perhaps retire. They, too, are attracted to a community on the move that also offers an enhanced quality of life such as providing the latest in health care with easy access.

A brand is simply everything and our community brand is on the rise. Awareness for Los Lunas is growing right along with our brand stature. Branding is an ongoing process, and we are off to a very good start.

If you want to know more about economic development and the Village of Los Lunas, contact me, Ralph L. Mims, MCP, Economic Development Manager, Community Development Department. My direct line is 505 839-5654, cell 505 604-4156, or e-mail me at mimsr@loslunasnm.gov.

Police Solve Walmart Burglary



Six Los Lunas police officers earned commendations for solving the case of the \$30,000 robbery of the Los Lunas Walmart early Christmas morning. Pictured above left to right are Sergeant Denise Romero, Lieutenant Carl Padilla, Detective Curtis Lucero, Detective Johnny Cappelli, and School Resource Officer Cassandra Linehan. Not pictured is Detective Santiago Beyal. Police Chief Roy Melnick lauded the group for working tirelessly to bring a speedy conclusion to the case, arresting those responsible and recovering the six guns and other merchandise stolen from the Walmart store.

Huning Ranch Park Improvements

An asphalt trail for pedestrians and bicycles and two new driveway entrances are being added to Huning Ranch Park at Sundance and Huning Ranch Loop SW.

This new trail is similar to those at San Antonio, Heritage, and Los Cerritos Parks. Trail signs will inform users of distances as well as rules and regulations.

Construction has started with an anticipated completion date of the end of February. Albuquerque Asphalt is the contractor at a cost of \$95,000.

Men's Basketball Leagues Now Playing

The Men's Open Basketball League and Men's 35 and Over League are now playing Monday and Wednesday nights at Daniel Fernandez Youth Center at 1103 Highway 314.

For more information about the leagues, call Los Lunas Sports Coordinator Marcos Castillo at 505 352-7662.

Municipal Court Open Fridays

The Municipal Court is now open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The court is located in the Administration Building, 660 Main Street NW.

Fire Department Has Ability to Save Your Animals

Fires rarely happen in Los Lunas, but when they do, people and animals may be affected by this disaster. The Village Fire Department now has a kit with a pet oxygen mask that can be used to revive animals rescued from a burning structure.

The WAG'N 02 Fur Life Kit is carried on board a Village fire truck as well as the brush truck, vehicles used most often to battle fires.

The 02 Fur Life Kit includes three oxygen masks (different sizes) with corresponding air tubes, a kennel lead, forms, and a decal for the vehicle carrying the kit.

The masks are specially designed to be used on both conscious and unconscious animals suffering from smoke inhalation or exposure to toxic fumes.

Lt. Tommy Madrid of the Los Lunas Fire Department helped organize an effort which resulted in the kits being distributed to the City of Belen, Rio Com-

munities, Los Chavez, Peralta and Bosque Farms Fire Departments.

Several people donated to pay for the kits. They include Bomar Equine Rescue, Homeless Animal Rescue Team of Valencia County, Jim Rickey, Tommy and Samantha Madrid, Reynaldo B. Carrillo, David Adame, Terry and Ardeth Walker, and Beverly Cronnelly in remembrance of Richard Jenne.

Madrid said the fire department will be getting additional kits thanks to other people's generosity. He said the kits can also be used by pet owners whose pets require in-home oxygen therapy.

For more information, contact Village Fire Department Lt. Tommy Madrid at 866-2111.



Everyone Can Work Toward A Healthier You At The Daniel Fernandez Youth Center

- Step Aerobics •Zumba
- Yoga & Pilates •Tai Chi
- Strength & Stretch
- Enhanced Fitness I
- Enhanced Fitness II
- Walking/ Weight Training



*Participate for \$2.00 per day • Seniors 65 & over receive 50% Off
No Monthly Membership Fee!*



Los Lunas Parks, Recreation, & Street Dept.
Daniel Fernandez Youth Center
- Open to Everyone

1103 Hwy 314 (505) 839-3845

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Accomplish Your Fitness Goals With Us!